

**REMARKS**

By the present amendment, Applicant has amended Claims 6 and 10. Claims 11 through 14 have been cancelled. Claims 1-10 remain pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 10 are independent claims.

In the recent Office Action the Examiner rejected Claims 11-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicant has cancelled claims 11-14, which serves to render this rejection under § 112 moot.

Applicant has amended Claims 1, 6 and 10 to correct informalities noted therein. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

In the recent Office Action the Examiner rejected Claims 11-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Welsh, Jr. et al. (US 5,947,555). The cancellation of Claims 11-14, by the present amendment, serves to render this particular grounds of rejection moot. The indication by the Examiner that Claims 1-10 are allowable over the prior art of record is noted with appreciation.

Applicant has cancelled Claims 11-14, which were the only claims rejected in the present application. The remaining Claims 1-10, were allowed by the Examiner over the

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prior art. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that, with the cancellation of rejected Claims 11-14 the application is in condition for allowance, and it is requested that the Examiner pass the case to issue.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. If such is not the case, the Examiner is requested to kindly contact the undersigned in an effort to satisfactorily conclude the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Gibson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robert" and last name "Gibson" clearly distinguishable.

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